Statement of Reasons for the Modified Text

The Department of Motor Vehicles (department) proposes to amend the originally proposed regulations related to Business Partner Automation (BPA) program.

The department published the originally proposed regulatory text on November 18, 2016 in the California Regulatory Notice Register (OAL File Number Z-2016-1108-03). The department made the proposed regulatory text available on its website, in its field offices and through email to interested parties who requested BPA related correspondence. No comments were received during the 45-day comment period, which ended on January 2, 2017.

During the 45-day comment period, the department determined that additional amendments needed to be made to the {{Insert complete form name here}}}, form REG 4026. Since the form amendments were completed after the notice was published, the department is conducting an additional 15-day comment period so that the public may provide comment related to the form amendments.

The REG 4026 form will no longer contain the fee amount for adding a branch. Instead, there will be a check box for designating that is the reason the form is being submitted only. The fee amount will just be stated in the regulation language.

Necessity: in order to improve efficiencies, the department determined that eliminating the fee amount on the form will reduce how often the form will need to be revised. Even if the fee is updated in regulation, this new form version will not become immediately obsolete.

The revision date for the REG 4026 form is updated in section 225.42 to match the new revision date on the form.

Necessity: for consistency both the date on the form and in the regulation language are being updated.